

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Joseph C. CAUTHEN**

Application No.: Unassigned

Filed: Herewith

For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS  
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD

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) Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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) Examiner: Unassigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above application,  
please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title to read "Intervertebral Disc Annulus Stent".

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please amend Figs. 1, 3, 4A, 4B,  
4C, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 9, 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, 12A and 12B as proposed  
in the accompanying Request for Approval of Drawing Change.

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